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This is UNEVALUATED

1. In June 1954, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg quartered several KVP tank units which were assigned to a headquarters in Dresden. After early June, three tank battalions moved from the installation to the Nochten area for combat training and firing with live ammunition. An estimated 500 to 600 men remained at the Panzerjaeger Kaserne. KVP soldiers stated that tank units stationed at the installation were scheduled to be rotated to the Nochten area every month. 25X1
2. Between 8 and 19 June, as many as 10 T-34 and JS tanks were observed on different days at the Spremberg tank training grounds. It appeared that these tanks were stationed at the troop-training grounds. Details of up to 90 KVP soldiers who wore blue service color were trained on these tanks. Tank driving school was usually held.
3. During the reported period, firing with carbines was repeatedly conducted at the target range of the installation. Details of up to 30 men were daily given infantry training in the field.

Comments. Since the spring of 1954, the Weisswasser troop-training grounds has been used mainly by tank units of KVP Corps South. It appears that during the reported period major elements of the Spremberg tank units of Mechanized Division Dresden practiced in the Weisswasser area. The medium tank regiment, the heavy tank SP regiment, and the tank instruction battalion of the Division are stationed in Spremberg. It is believed that the training grounds of the Spremberg military post are mainly used by the tank instruction battalion. 25X1

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